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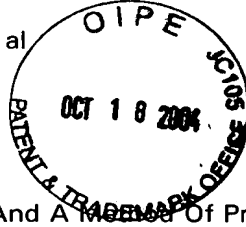
Application No.: 10/713510

Examiner:

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Group Art Unit:

Title: A Thin Film Device And A Method Of Providing Thermal Assistance Therein



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	23	MINUS	37	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	5	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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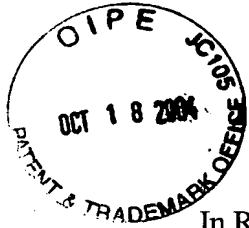
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: Janice H Nickel

Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial No.: 10/233,109

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Filed: 11/14/2003

Docket No. 200308744-1

For: **"Thin Film Device And A Method Of Providing Thermal Assistance  
Therein"**

**RESPONSE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT 09/14/2004**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2003,  
applicants hereby restrict examination to the invention of claims 1-15, 31-38.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 16-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required restriction/election to one of the following species:

- I. Claims 1-15, 31-38, drawn to a device, classified in class 257, subclass 295.
- II. Claims 16-30, drawn to a method of providing thermal assistance in a thin film device and a method for forming the thin film device, classified in class 438, subclass 3.

Applicants herein select claims 1-15, 31-38, drawn to drawn to a device.

Applicants herein responsively restrict examination to the invention of claims 1-15, 31-38 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Applicants have herein also canceled claims 16-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction/election requirement be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted

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